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Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 10, 2014, 35 out of 40 (88%) identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

1,602 Victims Served in One Day

1,244 domestic violence victims (652 children and 592 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

358 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Children's Support or Advocacy	91%
Emergency Shelter	89%
Transitional Housing	57%
Childcare/Daycare	29%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	20%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	20%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	11%

300 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 300 calls, averaging more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

507 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 507 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 27 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

171 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 90% (154) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by transportation.

Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 31% reported reduced government funding.
- 26% reported reduced individual donations.
- 26% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 26% reported not enough staff.

Across Arizona, 45 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (70%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim and her four children sought shelter due to a dangerous abuser in her home. We were unable to house her due to being beyond full capacity, our own waiting list of 50 families, and no other available shelter to refer her to. She and her children became homeless."

— Advocate

